

CONSERVATION ADVISORY BOARD  
August 2, 2005

**Date: August 2, 2005**

**Members Present:** Leonard Janiga, Chairman  
Ralph Burch, Jr., Co-Chairman  
Warren Cullen, Sr.  
Bud Pearce,  
David Muench  
Diane Fronczek  
Roger Gustavel, Alternate

**Members Absent:** Jim Heinrich

**Town Board:**

Leonard Janiga, Chairman, opened the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Bud Pearce made the motion, seconded by Ralph Burch, Jr., to accept the minutes as read for July, 2005. All in favor--7 ayes.

**Old Business:**

Warren Handley, Councilman, was not present for our board meeting, and Leonard Janiga did not receive any prior information from him regarding a possible meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers or the DEC.

**New Business:**

Leonard Janiga informed the members of the board that there will be a public hearing on flag lot changes on August 11, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. He encouraged all the members to try to attend the meeting to make their views heard.

Leonard Janiga reviewed the minutes of the special meeting held by the Town Board on July 5, 2005. Our ongoing farm protection through the PACE program is being hampered by the leisurely manner

in which the State and Federal governments review documents we submit. **We have learned that all on-going Farmland Protection programs within the Town of Marilla must close by mid August, 2005 or that all grant monies awarded to the town will expire.**

Leonard Janiga attended the work session of the Planning Board and learned that they plan on eliminating the term "prime farmland" in reference to flag lots. The CAB was not in agreement with their decision. It was also mentioned that the planning board may not be involved with flag lots per se, and that the CAB would assume the full responsibility of flag lot advisement to the Town Board. Our members expressed the feeling that each board contributes in a different manner and that the Town Board should reject that suggestion.

We did discuss the possibility of suggesting to the Town Board at a future date that we limit the amount of new home permits per year, and in addition, possibly even limiting the amount of flag lot permits per year. We would welcome some growth in the community, but we would like to see a controlled number of new homes per year, as we are first and foremost interested in preserving our farm community.

Warren Cullen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ralph Burch, Jr. All in favor--7 ayes. We were adjourned at 8 p.m. The next regular meeting will be September 6, 2005 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Fronczek, Recording Clerk